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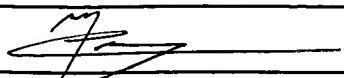
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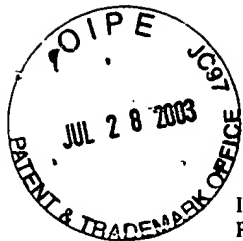
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This paper is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (Voluntary Revised Practice) dated July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2003 in the captioned application. Applicant has provided a status identifier for each claim. Applicant has cancelled claims 5, 11 and 20. Applicant has amended claims 1, 3, 8, 13, 17 and 19.



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